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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,395,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2010, down 1 percent from February 1, 2010, but up 4 percent from March 1, 2009. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 600,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month, but up 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 795,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 140,000 head, down 28 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 27 percent from last month, but up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head. This is down 29 percent from last month and down 1 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 144,000 head, up 1 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, up 6 percent

from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 78,000 head, down 2 percent from last month, but up 32 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below March 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million, 1 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 520,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 460,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million, 2 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during February, 21 percent above 2009.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2010	600	805	1,405
February Placements	69	71	140
February Marketings	66	78	144
February Other Disappearance	3	3	6
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2010	600	795	1,395

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹**

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	342	286	84	26	21	81	32	24	75	1	1	100
California	460	450	98	36	51	142	54	48	89	2	8	400
Colorado	1,040	940	90	190	160	84	165	175	106	5	5	100
Idaho	215	195	91	38	36	95	37	40	108	1	1	100
Iowa	520	600	115	62	69	111	61	66	108	1	3	300
Kansas	2,290	2,220	97	420	405	96	375	415	111	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	101	310	365	118	370	370	100	10	15	150
New Mexico	148	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	330	355	108	51	54	106	49	62	127	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	240	107	43	52	121	39	44	113	4	3	75
Texas	2,820	2,650	94	430	365	85	410	400	98	10	15	150
Washington	153	168	110	28	30	107	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other States	355	410	(X)	35	57	(X)	47	46	(X)	3	4	(X)
United States	11,228	10,864	97	1,678	1,665	99	1,682	1,717	102	56	68	121

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Comparison to past year is not applicable.

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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